GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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RESOURCES OF LIGNITE
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deposits of lignite have been estimated in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the total lignite reserves at present;

(c) whether efforts have been made to generate power from lignite; and

(d) if so, the details of incentives are being given by the Government to encourage exploitation of lignite in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per data furnished by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. (NLC), the total lignite reserves of the country as on 01-04-2000 are around 34,168 million tonnes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. The Central Government provides funds under its Promotional Scheme for carrying out lignite exploration only.